A Strange and wonderfull DISCOVERY Of a horrid and cruel MURTHER

Committed fourteen years since, upon the Person of *Robert Eliot* of *London*, at Great *Driffield* in the East-Riding of the County of *York*.

Discovered in *September* last by the frequent Apparitions of a Spirit in several shapes and habits unto *Isabel Binnington*, the Wife of *William Binnington*, the now Inhabitants in the house where this most execrable murther was committed.

Together with the Discourse that passed between the Spirit and the said *Isabel Binnington* after its first appearing.

Taken upon Oath at the Examination of the said *Isabel*, before Sir *Thomas Rennington* Knight, and *Thomas Crompton*, Esq; two of His Majesties Justices of Peace for that Riding, *Septemb.* 2. 1662.

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A Sermon and Wonderful

MURTHER.

The Examination of Isabel Birmingtonof Great Driffield, *aged* 28 *years, or thereabouts, taken by Sir* Thomas Rennington *Knight, and* Tho. Crompton *Esq; two of His Majesties Justices of the Peace for the East-Riding, the second day of* September *Anno Dom.* 1662.

Com. Ebor. THe Examinant sworn and examined, saith, That she and her Husband *William Bennington* came to the house where she now dwels (being the house of one Mr. *Belt* of *Hull*) about the beginning of *June* last, And saith, that in that house on the 23. of *August* last, as she was sitting by her fire-side, having also a Candle lighted by her, betwixt the hours of 8 and 9 at night there appeared unto her a Spirit having long flaxen hair in green cloaths, and bare-footed, and without a hat; she conceived that it was some wandering person that might have come for Lodging, and thereupon asked it, saying, what art thou? and what

wouldeſt thou have? Thereupon it removed ſomewhat nearer unto her: then ſhe begun to be ſore affrighted, and ſaid, *In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy-Ghoſt, If thou wouldeſt have any thing, ſpeak*, Then it ſaid, Fourteen years have I wandered in this place, ſuffering wrong three times, and ſeven years I have to wander, twenty one years is my time, then it went (as ſhe ſuppoſed) into the parlour, and came again about a quarter of an hour after and ſaid, be thou not affraid of me, I will never hurt thee, and thou ſhalt never want, then it vaniſht glideing away without any motion of ſteps. It had appeared to her three times before, Firſt reſembling a man, and ſecondly reſembling a boy about twelve years old. On Sunday *Auguſt* the 24. (which was the fifth time that it appeared) it ſaid nothing, nor ſhe to it, it was about eight or nine of the clock at night on Wednesday following, being the 27. at the uſual time it appeared to her again in white, like a winding ſheet, then ſhe ſaid, *In the name of the Father*, &c. If thou wouldeſt have any thing, ſpeak: then it began, My life was taken from me betwixt eight and nine of the clock at night in this place, ſhe asked what place, it anſwered, in the Chamber, & I received my Grave betwixt twelve and one: and ſo it went away. On Friday following it appeared to her again about the uſual time, and ſhe (being before adviſed by the next Juſtice of Peace, to ask it the names of thoſe that murthered it, and its own name, and ſome other queſtions) ſaid to it, *In the name of the Father*, &c. I pray thee tel me thy name, It ſaid my name is *Robert Elliot*, Then ſhe ſaid, I deſire thee to tel me who took thy life: It replied, I was

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knock'd in the head fourteen years since in my bed by three women, *Mary Burton*, *Alice Colson* the elder, and *Anne Harrison*. Then she asked it, what were its Sisters names? It said, *Kate* and *Jane*. Then she asked it where it was born? It replied within three miles of *London* at she is not certain of the Towns name, but she is sure it ends in *Ham*, on Saturday the 30. in the morning when the Sun was about an hour high, It appeared to her again in white, and then desired that there might be made a bright fire of Coles in the place where she pulled up the stakes and found the bones, then she desired it to tel its Fathers name? To which it replied my Father's name was *Jacob Elliot* and my Mother's *Rebecca*, and my Father was a Hackney-Coachman in *London*. On Sunday the 31. about five of the clock in the afternoon it appeared to her again in white, and said, Blessed be the time that ever this fire was made, and blessed be they that gave consent to the making of it, for the Stake is now as warm at the foot in my heart, as my heart was when the Stake was striken through it. On Monday the first of *September* about ten of the clock in the forenoon it appeared to her again, in the same likeness, and spoke to her to this effect. That he was an Apprentice to a *Raft-man*, and that he came into the Countrey about his Masters business, and that he came to this house for lodging, and that *Mary Burton* was very unwilling to lodge him, and that he demanded of her three and twenty pounds, which he had lent her three

yeats before; and that they had ſome croſs words about it, and that he was killed that very night in his bed, by the ſaid three Women, and that the ſaid *Mary Burton* took out of his pocket three and twenty ſhillings in monies, which ſhe gave to her Maid, and two Gold Rings which were his Grandmothers, and one Silver Ring which was his Mothers, and ſome Writings which concerned his buſineſs, which ſhortly after ſhe carried with her to (it ends in *ham*) near *London*, and by vertue of them ſhe demanded certain things of his Siſter which belonged to him, *viz.* a Rug, worth about four and twenty ſhillings, and a ſilver Tankerd, worth about five nobles, which they gave her, and ſhe ſold them in *London*: his eldeſt ſiſter *Kate* delivered them, It ſaid no more at that time; She obſerved that it ſpake altogether the Southern ſpeech. This Examinant alſo ſaith, That at one time ſhe deſired it that it would ſpeak to others, and it ſaid that until ſeven years were expired it could not ſpeak with any other, but it would be ſeen by divers in its own likeneſs. The Examinant being further queſtioned concerning the digging in the place where the murthered Perſon is ſuppoſed to have been buryed, ſaith, That ſweeping in the room, ſhe perceived ſome looſe mold in the floor, and thereupon ſaid to ſome of her neighbours with her, that there might poſſibly be ſome money hid there, but made no further ſearch at that time, but at another time finding a hole in the place ſhe begun to

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digg in it with her knife, which casually fell out of her hand into the hole, thereupon she took a piece of a broken dish wherewith she cast up the earth, and made a hole til she came at a Stake of wood, which she pulled up by the nalf (for it was so rotten that it broke) and burnt it, and digged further til she came at a great stone under which she found certain bones (*viz.*) A scalp or head; some of the teeth, and other bones, which she supposeth might be of a man. Before the digging in this place she never saw the Spirit, she never knew any of the persons which the Spirit named, nor ever heard of them before.

This upon oath.

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